Deer Lodge Montana
Feb. 23. 1876

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

I learn from Mr. Rommel that you expect to come to Montana this summer with some ministers for this field. I am glad to hear of it. You will all be heartily welcomed. As far as the differences between you & me are concerned we will for the Master's sake endeavor to forget them, & if I can help it, they shall not be mentioned.

If possible come in June so that you can get your work organized before Bishop Tuttle comes. The Episcopal church as far as poss-

sible disorganizing all our arrangements. If possible get an assurance from the Board of Church Erection that they will give $500 towards buying the church in Missoula. It was built by the North Methodists & it was completed three years ago. It is a neat little church - cost a little over $2000. The ministers deceived the people about it & they will not pay a cent on the debt. It is probable that we can buy it. Bishop Tuttle proposes to send a man to Missoula. If you can get your man on the field in June you will beat him out of the church. We have there now about a dozen members & Presbyterianism is well thought of: Missoula will be a large & important place when

The R.R. is built. It has the best prospects of any town in the Territory. Better & surer than Helena.

A. Mr. Riggs of Auburn N.Y. has written to me about coming out. I will reply to him as soon as I can.

Respectfully
J. R. Rulfson

Copy. March 4th 1876

Dear Bro Russel - O K.

Your letter of 23d is recd this morn & I thank God for it. I have often prayed that God wld bring our hearts together again because it seemed necessary for ? prosperity of his work Montana has always been a favorite field of mine, as those who have heard my public addresses wile testify & those who have been much with me wile witness

It was pleading for Montana that awakened a New Missionary Spirit in Auburn Theo Sem - & ~~3 or~~ 4 of the Young Men at once offered themselves to the Bd

It has been a constant source of regret, that circumstances that I could not control has prevented ~~doing~~ in the past the advancing of our cause to the extent I would have wished, but I trust that now a brighter day is dawning

and that you may receive the needed reinforcements.

The Men at Auburn that are ready for Montana are Orman & Wright. Warner B. Riggs — & Wm H. Niles — The name of the 4th I have lost. Dr Kendall was to visit them a week or so ago. & I have not yet heard what was the result

But the Secretaries promised me while east, that they would commission at least 3 men for Montana this Spring — Yo

OK.

My Dear Bro. Jackson;

I fear I have neglected to long to write you about organizing at Erie. The Presbyterians there desired to postpone till in April. And you know it is always best to consult their wishes — not seeming to force matters.

Had intended to be at the called meeting of Presbytery this week in Denver, but not feeling entirely well, I thought it wise to remain at home & gather strength.

Our church building is now ready for the roof. Could you not find some parties who would donate us a bell? Our going forward will be heavy lifting. But the Lord helping we shall conquer.

Fraternally yrs

W. P. Tailsworth

Longmont, Colorado

March 3d 1876

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CONGRESS

Georgetown Colo
March 6th 1876.

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Sir & Bro

As my settlement here as P. is in contemplation, I desire to know if you could procure a half-fare for me, or any reduced rates, in returning to Iowa for my family, or for us all on our return to Colorado. My family is at Marengo Iowa, on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific road, 85 miles west of Davenport. Our route would be to Cheyenne & thence to Denver. There would be self, wife & four children over twelve years of age.

Could I get reduced rates on my household goods?

The prospect here so far is very

encouraging. Good congregations AM & PM. each Sunday — very fair attendance at Prayer Meeting — Gain an increase of fourteen members — Six on examination.

Was sorry that I did not go down to Meeting of Presby last week. Glad that Spring meeting is to be held here.

May I hear from you soon?

Very Sincerely Yours

John Wilson

OK

Idal Nord Colo. Mar 14 '76

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Are you resident now in Denver? I sent you the $10. in January by Money Order - Can get the No., date, &c if necessary from P.O. here. You never acknowledged it. I sent it to New York to the Board's Box, as you directed. It was the $10. of my own - paid me by Hartley and McClintock. Let me hear of it.

My church gave me a unanimous "Call" to the pastorate asking 3/4 of my time - with Saguache Summit - and Valley points included in it. All they will need for this year. Church pledges $700.

You say go through S. Park to Idaho Springs -. If I get company, I will go that way probably

though it is said to be very bad travelling there in May. And I am advised to take the longer route by way of Eastside of Mts. I would prefer riding to Pueblo, and taking Cars. Money being the only difficulty. My debts hang heavy upon me. Can I and my Elder, or I alone get any half or whole fare to Denver from Denver to Georgetown? Is there a R.R. from Denver to Georgetown? Is there a R.R. from Idaho Springs to Georgetown? I never saw worse executed Maps than Thayers of Colorado. Please be explicit, and if you can get me whole or half fare passes do so. I have had large amount of freight over Denver & Rio Grande & K. R.R.R. this winter — Have well advertised Railroad.

I got "Prospector" containing history of our first year here & sent copy out & asked to give my Library Effort notice in Presbyterian. I'll put in your Advertisement with pleasure. Give it first place in "Presbyter".

I have written introductory letter - chiefly personal and grateful to Ladies and Schmucka Kap. I will do my best to awaken an interest in Mission. I am also thinking of taking copies of the letters which will be a methodical presentation of work, field, mission &c, and sending the same to Rath New York and Lancaster Pa. What think you. I design

writing with care and all the interest and discrimination I can command. I want to see what I can do in that line.

As I expect to present my field fully to Presy. and to see you there - I will not write of it now.

Yours congratulatedly
Alex. M. Darley.

Princeton, March 8, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

You have been sending me the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian for some years I think I ought long since to have sent you the subscription price. I now enclose Three dollars.

I pray God to preserve your life & health and to crown your disinterested labors with abundant success.

Your friend,

Charles Hodge.

she will this another year —
Regards to Mrs J —
John Lelage

OK.

14 March-76
Trinidad Colorado

Bro. Jackson,

I have not heard of your arrival in Denver & hardly know where to address you — Had a letter from Mrs. Woods of Marshal Mich. saying since she had written to you one of their members had offered herself to Foreign Board & so they could not work for Home Miss — I presume we are out this year for a Miss box — & I presume too my salary will fall short 200$ — So my wife has spent three

days over an old coat
fixing it up & trying
to do wh. a Philosopher
cant do make old
new—

As to Church matters—
I hope you will try to
spend a Sab here in Apl.
or before Pres. mets— &
hold a Cong. meeting
& if they want my
continued services
have them say so—

You know Church—
& place— They are
not a Church who know
how to rally around a
minister— Were I to
consult personal feeling
I would resign any
time— But I am not
going to do that— I am
willing to hold on &

another set - who are the worst gossiping crew in the country - (This is confidential) - And our Ch. lacks back bone in standing by preacher -
(I have never seen the gossip equaled) -

Now I do hope you can come here & spend a Sabbath - & hold a Conf. meeting & find out whether they want me as their pastor - My impression is Ch. do not wish a change

I know you are "bored" (that is the word) with all the troubles of Colo. ministers - So I will say I am low spirited - but am going in on my muscle - My mothers health is better - I must go home if possible, - next summer if she states living - as I dont suppose

will do it if I ~~ch.~~ will
give me a chance - Mrs.
G. feels just as I do a-
bout it - I know I do
not ask you to do what
will involve you in any
way in any thing unpleasant - I know how
every one feels toward
you - I want you if
possible, to hold a Conf.
meeting here before
Pres - So I can know
wh. to do - I must know
before I go to Pres - Person-
ally I could gladly hail a
new opening. There are
some very pleasant fam-
ilies here - More families
of a congenial character
than there were in Geo.town
or Central - But on the
other hand there is here

Essex, Conn.,
Mch 15 – 1871

Dear Brother:—
Your Card of the 9th is at hand; reached me today.— I regret the exhaustion of the Edition for Feby.— I have promised a number of friends a copy. I had a letter from Rev Mr the other day from Mr Otter Angier asking for a copy, as Mr. Ely had ~~told~~ met him while in Conn & told that the Angier had been recorded to me.— I write to say

that the copy I had was pretty well used up by handling and I do not wish to ask for your copy.

In view of the fact that the edition was limited, and that there besides myself dozen copies of the paper it may be in part for the sake of the poem it seems to me that it would not be amiss to have the poem re-published, say, in the Sunday number, and, if agreeable to you, re-published in full.

I expect I go to Philadelphia by and by, and

I hope to see Dr Schenck about publishing the poem in pamphlet form. If I could show him the poem printed complete he could form a better judgment of the expense &c. —

But I leave the matter entirely in your hands. —

I am sorry that I have troubled you so often in the matter. —

Very truly yours,

A. S. Gardiner

Return to Rev Sheldon Jackson
Care of B & F of Home Missions P.O. Box
3863 New York City

Dear Lodge Montana
March 15, 1876

Rev Sheldon Jackson

I learned yester-
day from Rev. Mr Hilbert the
Episcopal Minister here that
Bishop Tuttle expects to be here
in June. It is important that
we have a minister in Helena
before the Bishop comes.
There is no minister of any
denomination in Helena
at present. We have there about
a dozen communicants. I was
ordered by Presbytery to go there
in April & organize them into
a church in order to get ahead
of the Episcopalians. Mr. Hil-
bert told me he expects to go

down there about the last of April. I will go about the first of the month & attend to the work assigned me. I will have to promise them a minister, for they told me last year that they would not organize unless they could have a minister. That community will also be more liberal than they judge has been. If you can, please come out & bring the ministers by the last of May. The Bishop will "do the west side" of Montana first. If you cant come yourself send the Missouri man in advance. Everything depends upon our getting him there before the Bishop comes. The way is open. The Bishop is trying to get a first class man there. It is more important

to us than Bozeman. The Episcopal minister in B. is not popular. The Methodist minister then is a dance half-side is the important town of Western Montana. Our lodge cant amount to much. If I can succeed in making my arrangements I propose to move to Butte 46 miles fr. D.S. Butte is a new growing town rapidly building up. I expect to preach there next Sunday. I hope it may be expedient & the way may be clear for us to begin to build a church there when you come out this spring.

Very respectfully

W. R. Ruffner

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PHILADELPHIA, March 25 1876

Mr J. Jackson
216. Colfax ave
Denver Col
Dear Bro in Christ

Your letter as published in "Our Paper" of July 28/76. prompted some of our classes to respond two more to your order a bill for 50.00 dollars to assist you in the good work in Arizona - indeed the whole school take a part as this bill is styled our "missionary paid society" - We trust your journey will be a safe one that you may be the means of leading many out of darkness into the light of the Sun of Righteousness - We shall consider it a very great favor to have a line from you when you receive this but any time when you are so inclined - Such facts as you can

Gift us from time to time will assist greatly in giving the missionary spirit a deep hold on our S S & church people — "Our Paper" is published by our school & about 1500 copies are circulated among such & in such a School & Church — (& mission church lately) we like to have them look at the whole field instead of confining themselves to their own field — Any thing from you will assist in the good work in our midst — May the Lord bless & keep you is the prayer of Bethany Sab School

Yours truly
W. E. London
Pres. M & A Soc B S S

PS Our Supt"
John Wanamaker Esq
will be much pleased to
know that the school is
reaching out the helping
hand to you — when we
get your reply to this it
will be a pleasant surprise
WEL

C. P. Higgins, Pres't Capital $50,000 Ford Hennett, Cash'r

The Missoula National Bank

Missoula, M.T. March 21st 1876

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Denver Col

Dear Sir & Bro

Your kind favor 4th inst at hand and the news is indeed cheering to a few of us who have been brought up in the good old fashioned Presbyterianism which makes no compromise with the isms of the day.

Mr Russel writes me he has been authorized to organize a church and will be down 1st or 2nd sabbath in April.

We can start with 2 male and 7 or 8 female members.

I do not know that the Methodists will sell their church. It was paid for by the people of Missoula (with the exception of 500$ loaned by their church Board who hold a mortgage for this amount on church) and if they are willing to sell at a reasonable rate, we ought to secure it at once.

It needs repairs. the plastering has fallen from a portion of ceiling and side walls and windows need attention.

Could you not get some of our Board say Dr Dickson to interview them Dr Kynett and ascertain what they will take on the property? Will be glad to meet you whenever it is convenient for you to come to Missoula.

Yours very truly
Ford Hennett

Colorado Springs Colo

Colo. Springs, Mch 21, 1876.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

I hoped to have seen you before this. Have a letter from Mr. Lowrie for you, should you call here for it. I suppose it is not necessary to say that we have concluded to remain in this Presbytery. I cannot say I am flattered with the present prospects of our ch.; But I am very much encouraged with the condition of affairs. I never knew this ch. when it was in so favorable a growing state. At present we have the largest prayer meeting and Sab. School in town, and so far as I can find out there is peace, unity and a desire to work among almost all. The audiences just continue along from what they were when Mr. L. went away. Mrs. L. is very much at home here, and takes a activity a hold of all Paul will allow her time to do.

Have you seen Fairplay? I am getting anxious to have that field held. Finks wants to come back to the Fr. but not to Fairplay, on account of his wife. Several districts in the San Juan country need ministers this summer. Mr. Harte (elder here) and Mr. Stephen (a member here) have sached asked if I could not secure a live man for Silverton and that Co. ~~They built a chapel last summer, held S.S. every Sab. and want a preacher this year to occupy the place & County.~~ Mr Harte says (last evening he came to see me about it) that he will pay for a preacher, if his gulch mines develop as he expects them to. They just got to work last fall & they paid $20.00 per day, per man. Mr. Stephens says "The miners will pay liberally for a good, live man." Anderson would be just the man, with his experience, to go there —

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Anderson is inclined to leave Boulder and I want him to stay in the Pres. if he can be united with a church. Everybody gives the San Juan mines the same reputation "the richest in Colo." Mr. Copley and some others (a company) own "the Silver wing mines", which they are trying to negociate at one million, and outsiders who have seen the mine say it is the greatest in the U.S. This in the "Silverton District." Now I feel footed. I'd like a commission to San Juan, & I'd ask nothing better.

All I hear speak of Mr. Harley speaking highly of him. I see no reason why the Presbyterian Ch. should not be in the Van if the men can be obtained.

Stewart says you were at Denver. I am glad you are. Of course you heard all about my "deserting them". I only regret I did not leave at the fall meeting of Pres.

But I hope they will soon have another minister and that they will be more honest

financially with him than the rest with me.

I am glad I'm on my old field again and the people all welcome on return.

I shall try and supply Monument, but have made no arrangements yet. I may preach some at Manitou. But have not reconnoitered outside of the town.

If you are going South before Pres. stop and spend a day with me, and arrange for the country fields. They want me to preach twice per Sab. here, and at Manitou I should have to preach in the P.M. & at Monument during the week.

With kindest regards

I am yours

Henry B. Gage

OFFICE OF

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN,

AND

Home Missions for the Territories.

216 COLFAX AVENUE,

Rev. SHELDON JACKSON, D D.,
Editor and Superintendent,

Denver, Col. Dec 2nd 1874

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Sheldon Jackson.

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Washington Terr

Fair Haven Archipelago N.J.
March 25th 1871
Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Dear Sir,

Your most kind and very welcome letter reached yesterday. What sunshine your encouraging letters always bring to my heart. I had hence sent you our communication re this, but in chopping some writers wood, I accidentally sprained my wrist and have been unable to use my pen comfortably, you will deem me a son of misfortune. will write a letter in a few days. I will send a grateful letter to Miss Anna M. Dale for her liberal donation. How kind is yr disposition to aid me in my needy work. May God reward abundantly bless you. Yes, I will see Bro. Thompson in a week or two before Presby meets, and have him help me with the blank forms &c

I thank you for congratulations kindred on the prospect of a consummation, even this, has cheered me

for this year at least, my present circumstances, having induced us both, to omit a while. It may be that I shall lose the prize "We propose" &c. I pray God that by strict economy, throughout this year, Christ a little aid, I may be in better circumstances, in the coming.

A member of my church, died - happily in the faith - last week, who, three years ago, was so very wicked. This has greatly encouraged me.

Ever Gratefully Yrs.

T. J. Weeks,

5 K.

N. Jersey
Roseville March 25th 1876

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Sir – Your letter of March 2nd was rec, As the amount required was more than Miss Greenwood had, for she had already given 25 dollars to the cause, After earnest prayer she devised my plan whereby she could make up the amount, and in speaking of it to a gentleman the next morning he gave her 200, 00 dollars, in the mean time she called upon the Rev Dr Sims a popular preacher & lecturer, being

a Methodist he was about leaving the city but said he would give her one evening. she explained the object and he made this remark the Lord does not ask this of you, she said I do not wish him to ask me but if he will accept only is all I wish Dr Sims mentioned the subject Evening, Mr Penrose a former member of our church kindly printed the tickets without charge, so we set about selling them, in the meantime however an organ concert was arranged which created a little feeling and dampened our object however that concert cannot be until the 2nd of April. and the lecture was last evening which raised the whole ammount to about 500,00 dollars. Please place a Missionary where he can do the most good, as 200 of this a centennial offering, 200 a thankoffering. and 100,00 a willing offering from those who love the work, We will pro pay it quarterly and our earnest prayers will follow the money. We see those papers and return our thanks.

Your Coworkers in the masters vineyard

Mrs Mary A Schenk.

Anna C Greenwood.

P S Please let us hear from you soon.

Direct No 34 So 14 St Camden N J.

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New York City
March 28th/76

Mr Jackson,

I have sent you a barrel (by slow freight I believe) which contains papers & some quilts which I thought might be useful to some of the missionaries. I asked my express man to pay the express through. he said that he was not able to do so & so paid it as far as he could which was to Chicago.

For which I enclose the receipts.
When you have received the
barrel if you will please send
me word what the rest of the
expenses comes to I will be happy
to pay it. I have two old
writing desks but I think in
good order if you know of any
missionaries who would be
likely to use them or would care
for them please let me know
& I will send them on. I
have no use for them now.
Please let me hear from you soon

Leave at

Miss L. P. Walsted

110 East 37th st

New York city.

Los Angeles Cal
March 31st 1876

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.
Dear Bro.

Your postal card from Denver dated March 18th came yesterday.

Our Presbytery meets on the 6th of April. We shall all be sorry not to have you with us. Having been Arizona you would be able to give us much valuable information as to its wants & prospective importance.

I will try to have

Our Committee on Home Missions instructed to confer with you & empowered to take such action as may be thought best.

I am exceedingly glad you have undertaken the exploration of that territory yourself & know your brethren of the Los Angeles Presbytery will also be glad.

There are some matters about which we shall all like your counsel & hope as you travel through Southern California you will

gain correct knowledge of its wants.
Personally I shall be glad to meet you & will expect you. I am not keeping house or I would invite you to my home. My wife starts for the Atlantic states in a few days & my son to Princeton. I remain with my people.
Nothing you may have a safe & prosperous journey & that I shall see you in due time. I remain
Very truly
A. G. White

$18,50

Del Norte Colo. April 5 '76

Dear Bro. Jackson

I enclose $18.50 the remainder due on the organ. We have now paid you the $215.00. I forget whether we promised any interest on money or not. It is just six months I believe since we got it, as near as I can remember. Thanks for your kind encouraging. We had a delightful sociable last evening - Subject of lecture was "Money" - by Geo'l Bowen. "Presbyter" will be out next week. Have started a "Colored S.S." will start a S.S. on Pieda Friday. Good appointment there.

I hope you may get the able

to get me "papers" from Pueblo
& Georgetown – or at least half papers.
Let me know soon.

All well. End of this Ecclesiastical year leaves me $250. in debt.

Library enterprise is prospering.

Regards to all

Yours fraternally
Alex. M. Darley

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Silver City N. Mex
Sat. Apr. 1876

Dear Bro Jackson

I am better but not well enough to say with certainty that I will be able to start on Wednesday. I hope I shall be, and if so, and I do not hear from bro French in the matter of the pass over Treas route - I will meet you at Maricopa Wells as arranged. —

My leg is improving but I cannot walk without crutches yet. Will write Mr. Wasson on Monday.

You must appreciate

your rest at Tucson.

I hardly realize you have been here - your stay was so short and I was feeling so badly. Am sorry you found me in such a plight - but accidents will happen. - People here were sorry you could not remain longer.

In case I am not able to come on to meet you, anything you might wish to say to me about route east from San Francisco could be left in the Post office at San Francisco. - The half fare permit from Ogden East, I will find in the Ogden Post office.

Wishing you all success in Arizona and a safe & pleasant journey —

I remain, Your bro' in bl. W. W. Curtis

OK

Minneapolis Minn. April 6th
1876

Dear Mr. Jackson.

I have come up here for a short visit — Stillwater, Hudson & St. Croix Falls are closed, and I expect shall be home in a week or ten days. But I must write my first report and state for Convention. I have not been very well since the Morning meeting and I felt we could not do much. Have you anything which I can to Convention? Besides? Mr Anderson is expecting to come & I want to have him speak in the evening too: but I cannot report do nothing unless I can bring out Miss Fuller & Mrs Ward.

Bro — has gone to St Paul & will come from there & meet Blackburn & Kirkham, then to Cincinnati in time for 17th session. Do

he was born there in [illegible]. His people have made a [illegible] to start a new church, but the [illegible] [illegible] be at a standstill just now. —

I thank you for your kind notice in the [illegible] MSS. [illegible] —

I think, if the [illegible] is not open for me the return to the [illegible], I [illegible] [illegible] with my sister to go out at least for a time, and then we can [illegible] together. —

When I get settled [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] estate. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

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Tucson Arizona
April 8. 1876

Petition

for the Establishment of a Presbyterian Church in Tucson, Arizona

April 8th 1876.

Organized by Dr Jackson April 9. 1876

In order to secure Protestant Church privileges for Tucson, we the undersigned, members in good & regular standing in the various Evangelical Churches, do hereby request Rev Sheldon Jackson, Supt of Presbyterian Missions for the Territories, to organize us into a Presbyterian Church, and secure for us a good and efficient minister:

And for his encouragement we pledge our hearty cooperation in the effort to establish and build up said Church; and do also authorize Mr Jackson to procure our certificates of membership from the Churches with which we are now connected.

Name	Church Connection
John P. Clum	
Jesse E Lovell	
E D Williams	
C H Ford	

E. J. Hughes, Meadville, Pa.

Tucson, Arizona
April 8th 1876

To Encourage the Movement of the Presbyterian Church to furnish Tucson with a Protestant Church, we the Undersigned Citizens pledge them our hearty Cooperation and Support

Chas. H. Kelly
[illegible]
C. B. Stone
Mrs. Lyman F. Stone
Maria C. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Frank Stratton
Wm Ewing
J. N. Moore
Jas R Roche
Raymond Ufa
[illegible]
[illegible]

C. [illegible]
Mrs. S. M. Eaton
G. G. M. Speck
[illegible]
[illegible]
John Miller
Wm S. Edwards

April 8. 1876

The

ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO

Express Company.

General Superintendent's Office,

To

Col Albert Johnstone

Los Angeles Tucson, A. T., Apr. 10 1874

California

My dear Johnstone

This will introduce the "Rev Sheldon Jackson" of the Home Missions of New York. He has enjoyed his first visit here very much & he has started a Church Organization for us.

He comes from Amsterdam in the old Valley & you & your good wife know it well & most probably you will find out mutual acquaintances

Yours truly

Chas. H. Stell

I think some time ago
any existing Bro. thought for the
[illegible]. The people prefer to wait
for the Board to [illegible]
it would be well [illegible] give them the choice
yourselves selecting it [illegible] of the [illegible]

Helena, Montana,

April 12th 1876.

Rev. Jas. Kendall & Lection,

Dear Brethren,

I trust you fully appreciate the situation of our church here. Helena is the key of Montana for the present & is likely to be for some time. Bozeman, in case the Northern Pacific is located, will be a vigorous town & its prospects in that event are [illegible] strong; the people are sanguine that it will rival [illegible]. Our church organization here numbers 18 members & a good man would establish the church on a firm basis. The majority of the cite-

looks upon our church with the most favor. But now is the time for the man. I wished Bro. Attenden at Conference then but it was too late. The conference in this c. was one crowded by letter & one or two probationers & faith. Bro. Attenden is only a local minister, & we are very low here, and I fear the cause will suffer. It is a sad coming up after the experience of Bro. Crackett. Our people there say that the tent is dirty, as we, before, left it left, for us.

I am very anxious that the right man should come to Helena. our people are somewhat discouraged at the

respect of my departure they
did an unusual & large
meeting in the church on Tue-
day evening & asked
me to remain as their pastor
stating as a reason
why so I could not fully
know of their esteem & affection
toward myself, nor of the in-
fluence on them without to
wh. I have had some satis-
fying evidence. Still I do
not see my way clear to
remain if a suitable suc-
cessor can be obtained & I
announced them.

Then will the Board
send him? and when will
he come? I desire to act a
man in the fear of God,
but have promised to re-
main until my successor

Brethren will be sent to Montana

come.

[illegible] missed, & [illegible]
will they come?

When is 16 [illegible] actual
expected? These questions are
frequently asked & I would
like to be able to give
a definite answer. Does the
Board know of the cost of living
here & was it proper to force
such men as Bro. Russel of Deer
Lodge out of the ministry? Deer
Lodge is dead & the people [illegible]
and [illegible] R. is in debt simply
because the Board [illegible] is not & did
not [illegible] a reasonable support
It is rumored that we will open
a [illegible] in Butte. All such re-
ports give a reminder of the
church [illegible] fails to support
[illegible] ministry. The Board does not
know the value of prompt pay-
ments of salaries, & that one of
the bills run on at an

interest of 1½ & 2 per cent per month. I have been very indignant over the sufferings & labors of Bro. Crittenden & wife & family, who are doing more to leaven Gallatin County with the gospel than all the other denominations put together. The pitiful sum of $60 - (about $30 in the states) received by him last year about enough for one man to starve to death on in a central state. None of the other missionaries of the Board have been under so much of a cross & none have had such small salaries in proportion as those in Montana. — Well a truce! I suppose you get enough of this. But I pray the Board to secure a competent & prompt support to the brethren. A married man cannot live

in Helena for less than $2000.00 ~~[illegible]~~ a year.

Bro. Russel preached in Missoula last Sunday & the proposed plan to organize ~~[illegible]~~ of the church there. Missoula with its 2800 souls has heard no sermons in about 8 months.

The Black Hills have drawn away some of the floating population, but there is a lull just now from the unfavorable reports.

Praying the Lord of the harvest for more laborers in this harvest & that he may send competent workmen I remain

Very truly yours,
W. C. Rowe

A 5-8

Flemington N. Jersey
April 12-1876

Rev. Dr. Jackson, D.D.

Dear Bro.

I want to thank you for "The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian", which I receive regularly. I read it with great interest. I sincerely hope it may be sustained, & to this end I enclose $5. which does not cover half one. I send it out of a sense of poverty which has been put into my hands to be distributed as I think best. Please continue my copy & send one to Vice Chancellor Van Fleet, Flemington N. J.

Continue your articles on Ameri

Mexico, & the Rocky Mountain Region. They are valuable: as much so as any articles in our religious papers. I found your paper of great service when I preached my annual sermon for Home Missions.

But I am letting my pen run too long - longer than you will want to read. Let me stop, then by praying that the Lord may greatly bless you & your colaborers

Yours Truly
Geo. S. Mott

Rev Geo S. Mott D.D.

P.S. Will send subscription for year after receiving first number C.S.R.

The Manse
Riverton
13th Apl 1875

Sir

Please send me a copy of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian"

Address
Rev. C. Stuart Ross
Riverton
Otago
New Zealand

Yours truly, sincerely
C. Stuart Ross

The Rev.
Sheldon Jackson
Colorado

C. P. Higgins, Prest. Capital $50,000 Ferd. Kennett, Cash'r

The Missoula National Bank

Missoula, M.T. Dec 5 1871

W. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

A Presbyterian Church with 10 members was organized here April 12. The next day a paper was passed around to get a salary for the minister & over $350.00 per year have been subscribed.

An explanation is due you in this matter. It came to the ears of the Presbytery that Bishop Tuttle intended to come to Montana in June & settle a minister here. As there was no minister here at the time & the field strongly believed to us because there are more Presbyterians here than of any other church they ordered me to go to Missoula at earliest convenience & organize. As organization would do no good unless we had the money subscribed to bind the people I went around with the paper with the result just stated. Now even if the Bishop does come we have every advantage. It only remains for us to get a man on the field as soon as possible. W. H. Niles has correspondence with Ferd Kennett on the subject &

C. P. Higgins, Prest. Capital $50,000 Ferd. Kennett, Cash.

The Missoula National Bank

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occasion, it may be expected to [illegible] in paying [illegible] to him & get him to [illegible] pay. Tell him he must [illegible] Episcopal [illegible] in Montana as yet been nothing more than morality [illegible] much. [illegible] a [illegible] any of the Montana Episcopal preachers [illegible] preached. Please, make some mention of the religious organization in your paper & would [illegible] that in the notice [illegible] you state that it was in "order of [illegible]" the [illegible] was organized & that you do not wish any name in the connection. -

We will be glad to have you come out as soon as you can make it convenient to come.

Respectfully

[illegible]

Return to Rev S Jackson
Care of Bd of Home Missions
P.O. Box 3863 - New York City.

Dear Brother Miles
In view of the
Necessities of the Case, Can you
Not hurry up some. Let
me hear of your plans
Sheldon Jackson

Colorado
Central, April 22, 76

Dear Bro. Jackson, I have been here since the 4th. I have improved in health somewhat, but I fear this is too great an altitude for me to remain long. Think I will leave this place in good condition to call a successor. They, the officers & people, are quite enthusiastic now. Large congregations since the first service. We hope soon to see the church crowded.

The trustees say they are willing to pay me enough to help pay the salary of a minister at Idaho etc, than have me attend the services here. I have that of speaking to you about decline going there for the summer. I have brought letter from the Sem. Faculty - very strong letter - which I shall present to the

bytery. Dr. Hodge says any Pres. will ordain me on that letter.

If the Presbytery desires I will go back to Princeton to be ordained. Since Gen. Olden's death there is nothing that will necessarily interrupt my work. Hence soon as I am stronger I shall look for a permanent field. That is, after my ordination. I think I can find a good man for this place later in the summer. Central will support me without help from the Board, & can any good man. I would like to see you about Duke, & other matters soon as you return. Stewart exchanges with me on May 14, & holds communion service here.

I have sent $30 lately to help McMillan by R.C. Overy, but have not heard of its rec't yet.

I shall urge the church here to elect Mr. McShane an elder, if he will serve. There is but one elder here now. Mr. VanDeusen has gone to Boulder to live.

Yours in Christ,

J. P. [illegible]

Ans

A. T. BLACHLY,

Dealer in

Drugs and Groceries,

Monument, Colorado, Apl 13 1876

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Denver.

Dr Sir

We have "waited" and "held together" as you advised when here last "till fall" and from Feb. till Spring.

There has been no increase in our membership nor any diminution. Several might have joined last winter but as we had no preaching nor any prospecting they were gathered into other folds so still remain without.

Our Sab. Sch. though a "Union" S.S. is officered and taught by Presbyterians there being none to take hold of S.S. work in the village except Presbyterians.

Cannot some plan be devised at the meeting

of Presbytery to do some-
thing for this place?

Yours Truly

A. T. Beachly

Montana Terr
Helena. May 2nd 1876.

Rev. Dr Dickson,

Dear Sir,

Your note of the 11th ult., delayed by the snow at Pleasant Valley is at hand. its contents surprised me. In my letters to the Board I stated I that the friend in Ohio, not Pa., declined to come. II that Mr Russell would not come to Helena. (partly because he would not get an unanimous call & while the old members retain a strong affection for him & some ~~would be~~ are anxious to have him for their pastor; the general impression seems to be that he would not hold the congregation because of an uninteresting delivery. his sermons are as a rule excellent.)

III that I announced to my people that this year, closing Aug. 16., would end my work in Montana & further that I wished to leave not later than July 1st.

III½ That the Helena church look to the Board to supply them with a minister.

IV. As to the places certainly open, I supposed that the Board knew that we had organized churches in Missoula & Bozeman & hence these places were certainly open. Missoula a town of 200 persons has had no regular preaching for one year & it is the county seat of a large & fertile agricultural country. Further that Bozeman for some time past & Missoula also have been promised a minister & the people been anxiously expecting one.

V. Madison county with Va City the late capital as its county seat contains a population of from 3000 to 4000 persons.

It has in all 4 Protestant ministers at work — 3 Methodist & one Episcopalian. The latter stays at Va City only & is used in ministering to & perverting the Presbyterians. I think an excellent young man.

Two of the M. E. ministers are live men & are working hard; the third of the M. E. Ch. South is a fine christian

gentleman but not apt to teach - Practically then for the entire Co. & also Beaverhead there are but two ministers - it would appear that that District were certainly then at least strongly probable.

To work Montana properly would require for us 4 more men - one for Bozeman one for Missoula one for Va City & its Co. & one for Sun River & Ft Benton ~~the last~~ is settling up with substantial stockmen & their families - & Ft Benton is a small town & utterly without religious privileges - at Benton are 2 Co's of United States Soldiers & at Ft Shaw in the Sun River Val. several Co's.

In the order of importance leaving out Helena (by far the largest & most important - the capital of the City in truth the City of Montana) in the order of importance 1 Bozeman 2. Missoula & it is amply open (& Missoula the most institute) 3. Va City & its Co. almost certain open 5. Sun River certainly open

& anxious for a minister but not as important as the other points mentioned because of its scanter population & its distance from the other settlements. A good itinerant could do excellent work there. If you take Fort Shaw & Benton into acct then certainly very important for there is no chaplain & no religious service of any sort at these points. As to myself I am very anxious to leave the first of July - & my people expect me to go & this is my purpose but I will wait until the new minister comes for the Helena Church expects the Board to supply it with a minister & so I wrote I hope great care will be given to his selection as the right man will do great good here - & Helena is Montana. My health is improving somewhat & unless than Bozeman or Missoula should be without a minister from lack of men - if absolutely necessary I would remain another year I ~~do~~ make this statement with very great reluctance for I have determined to go, but Missoula & Bozeman will be lost to our church if they do not receive a minister this

year & we as a church will have shown ourselves incapable of keeping our pledges.

What then is the situation? Bozeman & Missoula must be supplied anyhow — a man must be obtained for Helena, if possible. Does the Board clearly understand that I am anxious & determined to go? But not at too great a cost to our church, if my health will permit. I am working only in a half way fashion & with no vigor & little heart in my work.

Hoping that you may be guided in the selection of the right men I remain

Very truly yours,

N. C. Rommel.

P.S. Please answer promptly.

The men of the M. E. Church as a rule in this Cy are above the average as preachers & workers. & we are the men we need.

Ans

D K.

Boulder Col. May 5 1870

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother

Have just seen a man who came in on the morning train, who says he thought he saw you on the D.P.R.R. going to Denver to day. Did not know you had returned from New Mexico - Come up tomorrow (the 6th) & preach for me on 7th if you possibly can - It is the opening Service of our new House - not a dedication, because the building is not finished - but a most delightful day to us - We can not spare more at its completion than we do now to get into a place of our own - All the churches unite with us in the morning service - Several additions - Some baptisms - Communion &c.

Come if it is not asking too much after your hard trip -

Fraternally Yours

J. E. Anderson

Ans
F.L.

Home May 6. 76

Dear Bro Jackson

I should not get up to Presbytery it is the desire here that you should meet the matter of this Church you indicated without at once before the Pres —

Formal application for the aid has been sent on through Com. of Pres — the case has not been before the Pres. The Bd could have granted the full amount doubtless had Pres. endorsed fully the application —

This point has more than an ordinary claim for aid. Our Membership is made up of Women, with a few Invalid Ministers of not

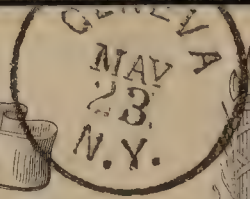
little means — yet this is the controlling center of all Southern California

I am exceedingly sorry our Scottish friends have not a correct knowledge of the fruit

About $4 or $5 is all that can be eaten among the members — and about that much from outsiders — $1,800 is the least a family can live on here —

I am paying $4 or $5 for a house furnished — have not dared to bring on my goods yet though rather for three months — Cannot do it until I know certainly a respect is guaranteed —

Yours Affectionately



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Rev. Helen Jackson, D. D.

~~Brooklyn,~~

No. 23 Centre St.,

New York City.

~~Care of Prof. Gen.~~

~~Mount Holly~~

Geneva, May 23

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[illegible] you [illegible]

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We have [illegible]

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may, have just [illegible]

from [illegible] & [illegible]

[illegible] Cole. [illegible]

you here [illegible].

Write [illegible] me [illegible]

[illegible] & [illegible]. I [illegible]

Wyoming Terr
Laramie May 10. 76.

Dear Bro Jackson. I
received your letter postal
the day after you passed thro.
I was quite anxious to see
you and hoped to be with
you at Rawlins but could
because of the meeting taking
place so early in the week.
I am glad to say that the
things which we deplored when
last I saw you are rather
turning out to the furtherance
of our cause here. I
think our church is decidedly on the advance.

It has more than recovered from the shock of the pauperism. Our ladies are moving in the matter of a parsonage and say they are determined to have one before winter. I could build one, if I were going to leave, without any difficulty. I think but I did not like to move in a matter which has the appearance of a personal advantage. I have some hope the Lord will open

the way for my going too
before the summer closes -
Yours in the faith.
W. E. Hamilton.

Colorado
Central, Monday 3/15 '76

Dear Bro, Mr. Stewart has been with me since Friday. He & I both think that W. L. Leduith, licenciate of Presbyter of Allegheny, can safely come here for the summer. All he asks is enough to cover expenses. He will graduate next April. Is one of the kind we need to interest in Home Missions. A letter from him sat. says he will come. Stewart suggests that he supply Boulder until Fall — or if Stewart leave Golden let him go there. What think you of it? If you judge it worth while to have him here until Fall, & get him interested — his expenses would be lighter by any reduction in R. R. fares. His address is Brownsville, Penna. We had 3 additions by letter yesterday morn.

Sincerely Christ, J. P. Egbert

Refer to Dr Kendall

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No 20 Washington Sq
N. Y. May 21st 1876

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir,

Allow me to express the hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you before you take your departure for home, as I have something quite special that I wish to confer with you about — If it would not accord with your convenience to call here again, I you will give me your address in Brooklyn,

I will call upon
you at any time you
may please to appoint.
I am, Dear Sir,
Your Respectfully
Thos. G.
Thomas Lorimer Graham

Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE

Second Assistant Postmaster General,

Washington, D. C., May 27, 1876.

I take great pleasure in commending to the favor and confidence of all who may see this the Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D. of Denver Col. the Gen. Supt of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the West,

Any courtesy shown him will be worthily bestowed and highly appreciated.

Very Respectfully

J. L. French

Acting Second Asst P. M. Gen.

Hannibal Mo. May 24 1876.

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Bro.

Yours just rec'd...

I think mother's health too feeble at present to justify my putting myself so far out of reach of her as Helena — I am very anxious about her indeed and look forward with no little solicitude to the result of her removal to Col....

I am hardly prepared to say at present what I should do if a call should come from Golden... I can say this that there are some things to attract me there very strongly and that if the Lord should show me that Golden was to be my future home, I could be very happy in laboring for him there.

I have come down

Here on invitation to supply Br. Pinning's church for a time. They want me to stay until fall, with the privilege of withdrawing whenever I get a call –

Hope you are having good times –

With much love

Your friend

J. G. Lorrie

Address: care
J. T. Holmes.

OFFICE OF

The Singer Manufacturing Company.

No. 766 Broad Street,

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Newark, N.J. May 27th 1876

Rev. Fred. Jackson
No 124 Pierpont St.
Brooklyn L.I.

Sir

Inclosed find certified check No 929 on Merchants National Bank of this City for Three hundred Dollars, to be applied as follows, Two hundred Dollars special Centennial for the church building of Rev. Geo. N. Smith and One hundred Dol. special for the Rev. Geo. N. Smith. Miss Greenwood would like you to have a receipt sent from the Board to our church from a friend so as the members that have contributed their mite will know that it has been put to a proper use and for the object it was asked for. Rev. C. J. Hatz

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is very much pleased to know such a a place is open for this money. in fact I as well as wife and Miss Greenwood are happy to know the amount is to be used in this way and pray this will be the means of making many a heart happy and that it will prove an encouragement to the Pastor Rev. G. N. Smith and lighten your burdens in this direction. Please have receipt of same sent to Hon. V. Johnson Jr. Treas Board of Session Roseville Presb. Church from the Board, Trusting your labors as well as the Pastor and this People will be crowned with success are the prayers of

Yours in Christ
Henry V D Schenck
Mrs A J Greenwood

Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE

Second Assistant Postmaster General,

Washington, D. C., May 27, 1876.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Do not think that I have forgotten you or your work. I have been interested in all that I have seen relative to your mission work in the great West. Your letter from Las Vegas N. M. was duly received and I was glad that I was able to help you somewhat in prosecuting your work.

Regarding the other passes to Helena, Deer Lodge, Missoula

St. George &c. of which you wrote me I have this to say. I have delayed seeking for them until now, for the reason that I have been for two months expecting every day that Mr. Salisbury would be here as has been his custom this time of year. I know him well and have waited so as to make a personal application to him.

But he has not been here since you wrote me. To-day I have written him at Salt Lake commending to him in the

strongest manner possible you and your work, and asking him as a personal favor to send you the passes you desire. I think he will send them if he is at home and gets my letter. I am sorry I delayed so long as I know you wished the passes about June 1st. Still I hope you may get them before it is too late.

Many thanks for your paper which I now receive regularly.

My wife joins me in kind regards, and in

the hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you when you come to the Centennial.

If in your travels you should be able to pick up some choice little specimens for my cabinet, such as would not be too bulky or costly to send, I shall be glad to receive them and pay all expenses of sending them.

I inclose a letter which you may be able to use in case the passes do not come.

Your Bro. in Christ

J. L. French

R. B. CHAPPEL, Secretary and Purchasing A'gt.
LOCK BOX 36.

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Office of Park County Ore Agency.

FAIRPLAY, COLORADO.

May 30th 1876.

Rev Friend:

No answer has reached me yet to my last letter to yourself, but as I have few words to say, I will send a note by Adelaide.

First, Mrs Chappel desired me to ask you if you now made out the certificate of membership in Bible Society for my boy & if not to ask it you would not do so & send to Tipton, Miami Co, Ohio. His name is Thomas Chester Chappel.

And further, I desire to ask you to see Mr Jackson & let us know what his plan is regarding a Minister for Fairplay. Mr Kelly does not fill the requirements of this place & Alma & many are urging us to have a Minister sent to our church if it is possible to get one.

If there is no one coming or likely to come under our own jurisdiction, there is a way

Type write this letter following Mr Chappel S.T.

Fort Collins
June 7. 1874

Dr. Bro. Jackson,

Arrived here safely June 5. Stayed over Sunday with Rev. Mr. Thompson of Greeley. All agreeable — Don't know much about this place yet but I have met a number of very pleasant people — Shall see Mr. Buss this P.M. — shall know more definitely as lay of the land. Have secured a good brick house just adopted to us. so we can have a pleasant home when we get settled.

Mr. Chappel wrote me this letter enclosed & I send it that you may see how necessary it is that that Fair-Play Church be occupied. without any doubt. If its not we will lose about all that has been so hard earned & turn it over to episcopals. for I don't think but that the people are right in

desiring some one. regardless of denomination. Can't some man be induced? would it not in this extremity be justifiable & best for the Board to even bear a man's expenses there in part at least. if it be necessary, rather than lose all? I am now shut off absolutely from obtaining any one unless some one refers to me. & shall therefore have to leave it to you. Hope it will appear to you as it does to me. the great necessity of occupying the field. It is really painful to me to think of their condition. How much more I would liked to have gone there myself & how much easier it would have been to have taken hold of — but the Lord has willed otherwise. All right — I am content but if some ~~one~~ one will go there. Tell me the prospect.

Yours Bro. in X

W. C. Finlay

to supply this place & I think it best to accept it & so do all those with whom I have conferred about it.
It is thus: The Episcopal Bishop of Cal^dy wrote Mr Paul (some weeks ago) that a good man (of their church) was willing to come here & would do so, providing we here would help to support him.
He would receive 300 dollars a year from the funds of the Episcopal Church & his wife would teach school if she could get situation & also music, and they asked if we thought he would meet with sufficient encouragement &c &c.
Now, if no Presbyterian minister can be found to come here, I think it better to have some other, rather than let the house stand empty from month to month & the school frittered away & all the good accomplished by your own & your good wifes efforts lost or at least jeopardized.
I am doing as well as I can in S. School & our attendance on Sunday last, was 52, yet I am

(over)

conscious of being deficient in those qualifications that make a Sabbath School man & besides, in this community, I am not as likely to succeed in such work as some others might.
Hence the necessity for some head to this work & a minister, be he of what church soever, is really needed here.
If the Methodists would send a man of any sense or judgment, I would not say a word at present about another, but they will or cannot do so & as long as we have no one in our church, is it not best to get the Episcopalian?
Please see Mr Jackson & tell him what I've written & also, that this community almost entirely endorse my views & ask him to let us know his opinions & intentions.

With the highest esteem for yourself & Mrs Finks I remain
Respectfully
A. B. Chappel.